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The State Department today announced three personnel assignments designed to augment its overall research and analysis coverage of Vietnamese and Chinese affairs.

Allen S. Whiting, who for the last four years has headed up Far Eastern Research and Analysis in the Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), will be assigned this summer to Hong Kong as deputy to Consul General Edward E. Rice. He will be succeeded in Washington by Fred Greene, Professor of Political Science at Williams College, a long-term State Department consultant and member of INR's Special Studies Group in 1962-1963.

Another of the Government's China experts, James F. Leonard, a career Foreign Service officer who has been serving as Mr. Whiting's deputy, will also be promoted to become director of INR's office which handles strategic, scientific, and economic research.

In both his government service and his prior academic career, Mr. Whiting has specialized in Communist China. Before joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Whiting was widely known as a professor, author, lecturer, and Ford Foundation fellow. The Hong Kong post will be his first diplomatic assignment abroad.

Asia has also been the major focus of Mr. Greene's work in the field of international relations and comparative government. Like Mr. Whiting the author of numerous books and articles, he has been on the Williams faculty since 1949, serving for brief periods in the Department of State, on the faculty of the National War College, and as an analyst of the Legislative Reference Service. Both Whiting and Greene are members of Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Leonard's career in the Foreign Service, which he entered after wartime service in the U.S. Army, has embraced both area and language training in Russian at Harvard and Chinese at Columbia, as well as assignments in the Near East, in Moscow, in the NATO Secretariat, and in the Far East. In the last ten years his chief field of attention has been Chinese affairs.

Mr. Leonard replaces Meredith B. Givens, who has moved to a position in the Agency for International Development.

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